

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU  
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING  
Minutes  
November 13, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Donna Snyder, Chairman; Jack Cashman, AnneMarie Cox, Kerry Kielbasa, Laura Matheos, Daphne Shinder, Captain Tyler, Kat Volikas

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES**

**ON A MOTION BY** Jack Cashman, seconded by AnneMarie Cox, the Board voted (5-0-2) to accept the minutes of October 9, 2013 as written. Kat Volikas and Captain Tyler abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

**GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:**

- AnneMarie Cox reported the GPC will be holding focus groups with youth to get input on what they want. Michael Garcia will hold the first one at the YMCA with members of YAC. The next one will be with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders during a PLC day. Kathy Sutton will assist Mr. Garcia with this. A parent focus group will also be planned.
- There will be a SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) presentation in April.

**YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:**

- Ms. Cox reported she is QPR certified (suicide prevention program) and can now provide the training. It will be offered to East Granby bus drivers and paraprofessionals.
- Amanda Buswell, Clinical Coordinator, is leaving in two weeks. A decision has not yet been made on how to fill this position.
- Collen Golnick completed her internship and was hired on a part-time basis.
- The Love & Logic program was very well received. It will be held in East Granby beginning next week.

**YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:**

- The Youth Action Council meets tonight.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance, Haystack Hustle, will be held Friday night.
- It has been difficult to get YAC members to attend this meeting due to their busy schedules.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- In April, the Commission tabled a discussion for this meeting regarding the possibility of holding the fundraiser, Are you Smarter than a Granby Student? Ms. Cox felt that is more appropriate for the GPC and the YSB could help them with it. The difficult part is getting sponsors. The YSB is a small group to begin with and because town employees cannot solicit funds, the responsibility would fall on just a few people. Donna Snyder will contact Pastor Al to inquire if he would be interested in bringing it to the GPC as a possibility. Ms. Kielbasa reiterated that the YSB's mission is advisory in nature.
- Ms. Snyder brought up the discussion at last month's meeting regarding the low turnout at programs and individuals difficulty in finding information regarding resources they may need. Some ideas were: link a website from Virtual Town Hall, use some money to hire a web designer, conduct a web design competition for students. Ms. Cox will contact the head of the Technology Department to get their ideas/input. Laura Matheos will send Ms. Kielbasa information with questions for the website coordinator and what we're looking for with Virtual Town Hall. In regard to low turnout at meetings and programs, it was suggested to videotape them to be accessed from the website.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Laura Matheos stated she attended the superintendent's meeting in which he spoke about the Common Core. She felt there were two things which came up that could affect the YSB. One was regarding the superintendent's review of PLC time and to continue it throughout all the schools. What the kids would do during this time wasn't clear or how it would affect working parents. Secondly, several parents spoke about the stress and anxiety the Common Core has created for their children.
- Ms. Kielbasa stated a meet and greet was held with new principals, school administrators and guidance counselors. It was a successful event and resulted in two new members of the JRB.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Laura Matheos, seconded by Jack Cashman, the bureau voted (7-0-0) to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane  
Recording Secretary